

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554

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| In the Matter Of |) | |
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| Section 63.71 Application of |) | |
| |) | WC Docket No. _____ |
| Windstream of the Midwest, Inc. |) | |
| Windstream Systems of the Midwest, Inc. |) | |
| Windstream Communications, LLC |) | |
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| For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of |) | |
| the Communications Act of 1934 to |) | |
| Discontinue the Provision of Service |) | |
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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF WINDSTREAM SERVICES, LLC

Windstream Services, LLC on behalf of its competitive local exchange carrier affiliate Windstream of the Midwest, Inc. and its interexchange carrier affiliates Windstream Systems of the Midwest, Inc. and Windstream Communications, LLC (collectively “Windstream”), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, hereby files this Application to discontinue the provision of Dedicated T-1 Access Service with Channel Associated Signaling protocol (“Dedicated T-1 Service”) in Omaha, Nebraska. In support of this Application, Windstream submits the following information:

1. Information listed in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1)-(4) (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(2)):

a. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1)-(4), (b)(2)):

Windstream of the Midwest, Inc.
Windstream Systems of the Midwest, Inc.
Windstream Communications, LLC

4001 North Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72212

b. Date of Planned Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Windstream plans to discontinue Dedicated T-1 Service on or about May 26, 2017.

c. Point of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

Dedicated T-1 Service will be discontinued in Omaha, Nebraska.

d. Brief Description of the Type of Service to be Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

The service to be affected is Dedicated T-1 Service.

2. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (b)(3)):

On April 26, 2017, Windstream sent by First Class U.S. Mail notice to all affected customers of the planned discontinuance. A copy of such notice is attached hereto as Attachment 1, which is compliant with, among other things, Section 63.71(a)(5) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5).

3. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (a)(4)):

Windstream is nondominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue.

4. Service:

In accordance with Section 63.71(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), Windstream is submitting a copy of this Application by First Class U.S. Mail to the Nebraska Public Service Commission and the Office of Governor Pete Ricketts and also to the Secretary of Defense (at the address given in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)).

5. Additional Questions Regarding This Application May be Addressed to the Undersigned.

6. Circumstances of Discontinuance.

Windstream provides Dedicated T-1 Service to be discontinued to 1 small business customer and 4 enterprise business customers in Omaha, Nebraska. Dedicated T-1 Service is provided on an end-of-life platform that is scheduled to be decommissioned on or about Thursday, May 26, 2017. Windstream will assist affected customers in migrating their services to Windstream's supported platform or upgrade to one of our more robust unified communications products.

These customers will not be unduly harmed because they are being provided ample notice of the discontinuance and are being offered alternative services to the ones being discontinued. Furthermore, customers have comparable options at comparable rates from other providers serving Omaha.

7. Conclusion

Windstream believes that the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary. As outlined herein, Windstream will take reasonable steps, to the extent that is able, to assure that the discontinuance of this service is not unduly disruptive to

the present or future public convenience and necessity. Accordingly, Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of Dedicated T-1 Service to customers in Omaha, Nebraska pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully Submitted,

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April 26, 2017

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 26 day of April 2017, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons to the addresses listed below.

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistance for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Nebraska Public Service Commission
1200 N. Street, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508

Office of Governor Pete Ricketts
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

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Cesar Caballero

Attachment 1

Customer Notice



April 26, 2017

Windstream Services, LLC
4001 N. Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72212

«Customer_Name»
«Addr_Line_2»
«Addr_Line_3»
«Addr_Line_4»
«City_Name», «State_Code» «Zip_Code»

**IMPORTANT: Your Services for Account # Ending in «BENT_CAMS_ID»
Will Be Impacted Unless You Take Action**

Dear «Customer_Name»,

As a valued Windstream customer you are subscribed to **Dedicated T1 Access Service with Channel Associated Signaling (CAS)** protocol based on a platform that has reached the end of its useful life. As a result, for customers of Windstream located in Omaha NE, this service will be decommissioned on or about **May 26, 2017**, and action is required by you to avoid service interruption.

Please contact your Windstream Customer Advocate, Customer Care Team, or call 800.600.5050 before **May 12, 2017** to discuss options. One of our representatives will work with you to make you aware of alternative solutions including ISDN PRI or Dynamic IP, and assist you in any way possible to ensure a smooth transition.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Windstream Services, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Again, we apologize for any inconvenience, and look forward to working with you on a solution that will meet your business needs today and into the future. Please visit windstreambusiness.com for additional information regarding all of our offerings.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter **prior to May 12, 2017** to ensure enough time is allotted to select and transition your business to a new solution.

Sincerely,
The Windstream Team